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Hongkong, March 24, 1908. 462

NOTICE.
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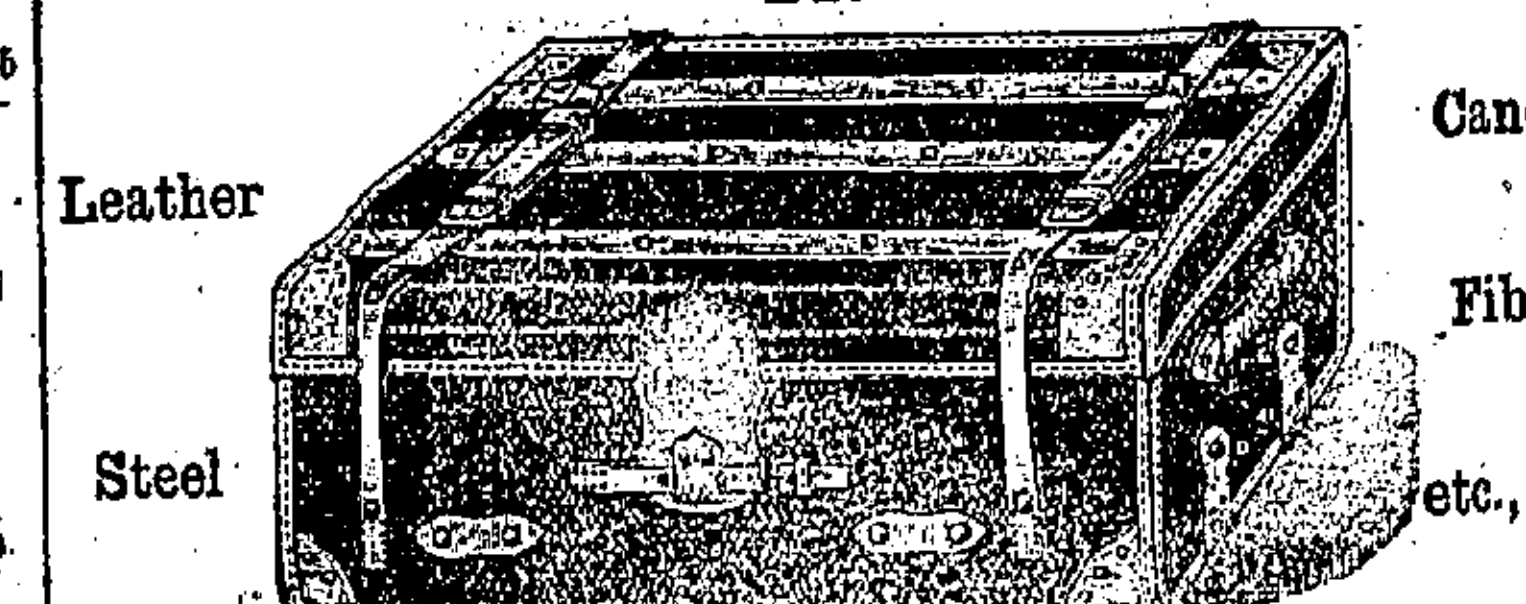
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11 a.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, at No. 14, Austin Avenue, Kowloon.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, at 'Dunstan, No. 82, the Peak.

Meetings.

Noon—Meeting of The Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office.

5.30 p.m.—Meeting of The Phoenix Club, Ltd., at Club's premises.

Miscellaneous.

Goods per Korea undelivered after noon this date subject to rent.

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General Memoranda.

WEDNESDAY, April 1.—Goods per Prince Regent Liverpool undelivered after this date subject to rent.

THURSDAY, April 2.—Goods per Nore not cleared at 4 p.m. on this date subject to rent.

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FRIDAY, April 3.—Fancy Dress Ball, held by Scottish Masonic Association.

SATURDAY, April 4.—9 p.m.—Grand Variety Concert in City Hall.

THURSDAY, April 9.—Transfer Books of Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., close from this date to 25th April, inclusive.

Transfer Books of China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd., close from this date to 25th April, inclusive.

THURSDAY, April 23.—Noon—Meeting of Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., at Head Office.

12.30 p.m.—Meeting of China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd., at Head Office.

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The China Mail

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 1908.

THE MILITARY CONTRIBUTION

FREQUENTLY it has been observed that one of the most remarkable characteristics of this Colony is the enthusiasm with which it takes up an agitation and the surprising abruptness with which it drops it. To this fickleness of purpose and instability of design can be attributed many of the disadvantages from which Hongkong suffers to-day. The military contribution is a case in point. It is true that the question was raised lately by Mr. E. A. Hewett and other unofficial members of the Legislative Council but the public remains apathetic and, as far as can be judged by circumstances, are quite satisfied that a very large percentage of the Colony's revenue should be devoted to a purpose which is entirely unproductive. Our Volunteer force should be an amply sufficient contribution to Imperial military outlay. It is not for the benefit of Hongkong residents that British

cruisers lie in our harbours and British soldiers fill our local barracks. It is because Hongkong is invaluable to Great Britain as a port and as a strategic point. We are, as loyal Britishers, glad to welcome them here but our locality and hospitality do not blind us to the fact that our interests are not responsible for their presence. The contribution which Hongkong makes indirectly to the revenue of Great Britain is so gigantic that the demand for a direct military contribution is particularly ungracious. Most present-day residents never pause to consider what this Colony has already given freely to the military. Some of the best sites in the Colony and in Kowloon have been handed over to the military free of charge. Their

future value is simply enormous. But, notwithstanding all this, any outcry against the preposterous military contribution is referred to as if it were stark delirium. Possibly some of our readers are unaware of the origin of this irksome impost. It was unknown until 1864 when, during the administration of Sir Hercules Robinson, a demand was made by the Home Government for the payment of £20,000 per annum, one fifth of the military expenditure. It should be remembered to the credit of Sir Hercules and noted as an instructive precedent by Governors to come, that he strenuously opposed the demand. The remonstrances of the Governor were backed up by a public meeting (it was possible in those days to induce the people of Hongkong to take enough interest in their own affairs to attend a public meeting) and a memorial, protesting against the proposal, was adopted and sent to Her Majesty's Government. The Chamber of Commerce and the Chinese community sent similar memorials Home, which were, however, ignored. When the estimates for 1865, including a military contribution of \$92,000, were brought before the Legislative Council the item was only agreed to on the casting vote of the Governor, the Colonial Treasurer voting against it. This conscientious official was afterwards severely censured by the Secretary of State for daring to think for himself. Thus it will be seen that this iniquitous contribution was only forced upon the Colony by the casting vote of a Governor who had protested in the strongest terms against its imposition. After the vote had been agreed to all the members of the Council, official and unofficial, adopted a resolution stating that the revenue of the Colony could not be fairly charged with any contribution towards the Imperial military expenditure in China or Japan. Considering the circumstances in which it had its origin it seems strange that the dignity of the Imperial Government does not prevent it from continuing to levy this forced contribution. Hongkong has made a sufficient, if not more than sufficient, contribution to the military establishment in land. The collection of the military contribution now has as much justice as the big brother making the small brother hand over his marbles. But as long as Hongkong is content to take its gruel lying down it will get what it deserves.

The French Senate has adopted a divorce law which should be received, with immense enthusiasm by those who find it hard going in double harness. It seems from the cable we published last night that a separation decree can be automatically converted into a full divorce on the application of either party concerned. As a separation order can be obtained on the flimsiest pretext this is divorce made easy with a vengeance. Seriously regarded the passage of such a law can only be remarked with regret. A nation that loses its respect for the sanctity of the marriage state is sapping at the foundation upon which all social institutions rest. The laxity in this connection which followed the Revolution in France has already produced an effect which should act as a warning. The increase of population by births is barely sufficient to compensate for the wastage by death. The reason is not far to seek.

The opium question is full of surprises. In bygone years the Canton officials used to blame poor Hongkong as the centre which was responsible for smuggling to all parts of South China. Our Canton correspondent reported last night that the authorities are perturbed because opium is being shipped from China to Hongkong. This would seem no sufficient reason for the officials to get excited. We have been told by Imperial Edicts and other interesting documents that China wants to see the last of the drug as soon as possible. If that is so, we should simply hate even in thought, to receive China of duplicity—what is she worrying about? Her love for us is not so great that she need care much if we have an overdose of the drug or if, at least, if it is she dissembles it as well as the gentleman who kicked the other fellow downstairs. China, to keep in character,

should offer a bonus on exported opium instead of trying to squelch enterprise in that direction.

Congratulations are due to the gentleman who yesterday recovered damages against a washerman for the destruction of a couple of blouses. His sorrows raise a sympathetic echo in many local hearts. Too often does it happen when new stirrers and collars are committed to the tender care of the "washer-washer" man that they return mutely reporting heavy casualties. Some return only for the rag-bag and others do not return at all. Now that one offender has been made to pay the penalty it is to be hoped that the washermen will see the error of their ways and employ more soap and less energy.

The "Friend of India" accuses Renter of finding a sensation "where only a mare's nest existed. This is a charge that is not often laid against the well-known purveyor of cable news. We have heard complaints of Renter's conservatism, failure to follow up news and various other offences, but to conceive Renter as sensational would be like calling up the vision of a bishop walking a tight rope in fleshings. Our Indian contemporary was incensed because Renter stated that brewery shares at Home had fallen 25 million sterling. It goes into an elaborate calculation to show that this only means about two shillings on a pound share. Speaking for ourselves we venture to think that the loss of about a tenth of one's capital is worth getting excited about. On the whole we feel sure that our Calcutta contemporary produced the denunciatory paragraph in question when it was feeling at odds with life and in that mood when it is a pleasure to revile the first person or thing which attracts notice. It is not often that we extend a sheltering wing over Renter but we feel impelled to help when we come across unintentionally false witness. When Renter becomes sensational the skies will commence falling as a daily avocation.

Peking is now apparently in a state of excitement. The report of revolutionaries entering Peking with large consignments of dynamite and the subsequent occurrence of big fires within the City indicate a state of affairs by no means comforting to the administrators. The outbreak of nine fires within nine days must signify that something more than ordinary is happening. For some years past the central government has been troubled by the revolutionary parties, but what was then reported was that the revolutionaries were working in the Southern provinces and that there was no necessity to fear so far as Peking was concerned. Matters appear to have changed somewhat. China's private detective agents abroad have reported that the recent pings of the Throne-overthrowers are directed at the Capital, and have telegraphed that a number of persons of the revolutionary parties, including two women, have entered Peking, and that others are on the way from Japan and America. That the Peking authorities are nervous is obvious from the fact that an official list of the revolutionaries has been issued offering a respectable sum of money for each of the men according to their notoriety. At the present moment the two largest parties whom the Central government have every reason to dread are the Sun party and the King party. The former is headed by Dr. Sun Yat Sen, who, it may be remembered, recently passed through Hongkong on his way to Japan, and the report that suspects were on the way to China from Japan indicates something in the wind. It appears that Sun's men spread over all the neighbouring ports. From the official list issued by the Imperial Government, as we reported yesterday, three have been traced in Hongkong, and there may be more of less prominence. Among the persons on the list the Hakkas command a majority. These Hakkas are a mountainous race and are capable of anything if properly trained up. They live in the mountainous regions far away from Chinese cities and scatter almost over every province, and the one significant fact is that a uniform language is spoken no matter where they are. If a powerful force of this race is well trained up and armed with modern rifles, it will form a formidable foe to the Imperial troops, whose acquaintance with the mountainous recesses, owing to the lack of a proper map and training, is so scanty that they are always in the dark in regard to the movements of mountainous rebels, and are more exposed to attack than they otherwise would be when conflicts take place.

THE BOYCOTT.

High provincial authorities in the empire are finding their parts in the awakened China by no means easy. All the skill in diplomacy, the shrewdness and sagacity in the management of affairs for which men having the control and administration of provinces have in the recent history of the nation been distinguished, are called into fullest exercise. The Viceroy or Governor who can act with consummate tact and skill in the complex and trying situations that arise to test his powers as a ruler merits the praise and honour accorded to men of light and leading who shape the destinies of nations.

The Viceroy of the Kwang provinces is upon his trial, and if the ordeal through which he is passing serves to advance the cause of China in relation to other nations or to maintain her status as a country struggling for freedom, the will have deserved well of his contemporaries and of posterity. It appears that the Viceroy has received from Peking an impossible mandate to break the boycott on Japanese goods, instituted as a consequence of recent events in Canton for which the Peking authorities are responsible. These instructions to remove the prohibition on commerce with Japan at the southern ports and to "compel" the Cantonese to purchase as heretofore Japanese manufactured articles are the outcome of representations made by the Japanese Ambassador in person to the Foreign Board at the Chinese capital—the Board on which the all-powerful Yuan Shih Kai is the dominant factor.

Scenes such as were reported in the CHINA MAIL to have taken place in Canton moved the Japanese Ambassador to utter what may be construed as a warning to the Board of Foreign Affairs. He took the situation seriously as provocative of hostilities between the two nations and declared that Japan would not hesitate to vindicate her honour, if need be, by an appeal to the final arbitration which is the resort of powerful peoples whose national interests are in conflict.

The "head and front" of the offence from the point of view of the Japanese Ambassador lies in the attitude of the Viceroy of the Two Kwang provinces, who, if he did not aid and abet the people under his sway in their violent opposition to Japan, made no effort to suppress or to interfere with the recent vindictive and unprovoked proceedings which took the form of a public demonstration by the commercial capital of China against a friendly nation whose trade interests are of the first importance and too extensive to be set at naught by an understanding between the Viceroy and the people to resist Japan's demands by stopping her trade. It appears that the Viceroy has taken the best course open to him in issuing a proclamation on the subject. The text of the document is given in the native newspapers and is hortatory, and confined to admonitions and injunctions to keep the peace and refrain from demonstrations of the kind complained of in the proclamation. It also recognises, by its silence on the point, the limitations and restrictions of official action. To interdict by an agreement among the trading communities concerned with Japanese commerce the sale of imports from Japan is one thing, to stir up the populace to open denunciation of the country from which these imports are derived is another and very different thing. The Viceroy is well advised in drawing the distinction and an illustration which occupies no inconsiderable space in the proclamation is sufficiently suggestive and cogent. It alludes, as a parallel to the demonstrations at Canton, the scenes that took place in Japan after the signing in America of the Treaty that terminated the war of Japan and Russia. Houses and public buildings were in whole or in part demolished by rioters and a battleship was burned. The protest served no advantageous purpose. Martial law took for a time the place of the usual constitutional methods: the rising was suppressed by the strong arm of the Government and the damage done had to be made good at the national expense. Nor did Japan gain in dignity and prestige by the protests of these opponents of the treaty. Whilst the moral is obvious, the reference is instructive and not ill calculated as a reminder to impress Japan with the seriousness of the situation brought about by high-handed insistence that attained its immediate purpose at a cost the extent of which cannot be readily or immediately calculated. A boycott, apart altogether from overt acts of unfriendly demonstration, is well outside the sphere of legislative control and the present indications are that China's boycott of things Japanese will assume formidable proportions and be persisted in for a considerable time.

THE SELF-GOVERNMENT SOCIETY'S AIMS.

(From Our Correspondent.)
CANTON, March 27.

The Self-Government Society met to-day. With reference to the Tatsu Maru II case, the Japanese Government has insulted our sovereign right and has brought about our great national shame. The attitude of our own Government was such, however, as to ensure our safety. Now that every preparation is being made for a constitutional Government every one of us has our duty towards the nation. At a previous meeting, we have already pledged our death-alliance. It is now highly necessary that we adhere to our policy of action, to carry out the object we have had in view in an unimpeachable manner, to develop our national and industrial resources, to build up our Empire to a powerful country, to sweep out our great national shame. A meeting of this society

will take place on the 27th to consider these matters.

The notice was addressed to the gentry, merchants, members of the educational, agricultural, and charitable classes.

At 11 a.m. today a huge gathering assembled at the premises of the Self-Government Society.

The Viceroy's notification (a translation in English has already appeared in these columns) was tabled.

The Chairman pointed out the inevitability of mass meetings in public streets owing to the fear of incurring diplomatic complications. It has been decided to classify the committees, each of which does its own branch of work towards the boycott. No public mass meeting will be held. Then a proposition was made to secure the co-operation of China's twenty-two provinces in a joint memorial to the Throne demanding representative government.

The proposition includes a promise for the support of the army and navy. Other matters respecting the boycott at the present stage, and the effect thereof, were also discussed. The reports of work towards the boycott from various places were read. The meeting closed at 3.30 p.m.

IMPORTANT TO PROPERTY OWNERS.

In to-day's "Government Gazette" the announcement is briefly made that the valuations of last year are to be adopted during 1908. No further information is supplied, and it belongs to owners of property to act within 21 days if they desire to appeal against the valuation placed upon their property. This is an important matter and in order to give property owners every opportunity of a readjustment they should advertise it in all the local papers.

UNREST IN KWANGSI.

Rioting in the South.
(From Our Correspondent.)
CANTON, March 27.

News from Kwangsi is by no means comforting. Riots are taking place in many districts—some serious others not. The Imperial Government is in daily communication with the French authorities for assistance. At one time, a request was made to the French authorities to allow Chinese troops to cross French Territory for the purpose of capturing rebels but whether the request has been acceded to or not is not stated.

Yesterday, according to the remarks of a number of the military department here, the French Consul General at Peking asked the Canton Government to despatch one or two cruisers to put at water-ways at Peking, and it is believed that the rebels, who are working in Yim Chow, have made Peking the headquarters, and men and arms are being sent therefrom.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Owing to pressure on our space the report of the meeting of the Sino Toilet Co. has been held over until Monday.

The Government Gazette contains a notification that the importation into Hongkong of any seditious publication is prohibited.

Those subscribers to the "Government Gazette" who desire to have on record, in the shape of "Hansard," the speeches made at the Legislative Council can do so. If sufficient inducement is offered to reduce the extra cost to a moderate and reasonable one.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

His Honour Mr Justice Gompertz has been appointed Chairman of the Squatter's Board during the absence of Mr Wise.

Mr James Oranga and Mr A. G. Wood, two old residents in the Far East, left the Colony to-day. They go Home via Australia.

On April 4 Lady Lugard presents the prizes to the winners at the Ladies Rifle Association meeting, the programme of which will be found in another column.

Lieut-Colonel Dumbleton has been appointed to represent the Royal Hongkong Golf Club on the Wong Nei Cheong and Queen's Recreation Ground Committee, vice Mr D. B. Murray.

A quiet wedding was celebrated at St. John's Cathedral at 11 a.m. this morning, when Miss Mary Stewart, the popular lady's maid at Government House, was married to Mr G. W. Wooster. The ceremony was very quiet—only six persons being present altogether, including Sir Frederick and Lady Lugard. His Excellency gave the bride away.

The demand for tickets for the Pan-Anglican Congress meetings was so great that the Executive Committee were compelled to arrange for overflow meetings in the Church House every evening. The general trend was to give the thank-offering to the unappropriated portion which will be disposed of after the Congress by a representative Committee. Distant dioceses in Japan, North China, and Shanghai have to be added to other districts making contributions to the thank-offering. The Committee observe signs of increased effort on behalf of the thank-offering in the home dioceses. The business of organizing it in England has been left to the last, for the simple reason that the means of communication at home are so much simpler and more rapid. The publication of literature on various subjects, written by experts, is now almost completed.

FOR RHEUMATIC SUFFERERS.

THE quick relief from pain afforded by Chamberlain's Pain Balm makes it a favorite with sufferers from rheumatism, neuralgia, toothache, headache, and every kind of muscular pain. It is sold by all chemists and druggists.

THE LICENSING BILL.

A DETERMINED GOVERNMENT.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)

London, March 27.

The second reading of the Licensing Bill has been fixed for April 6.

Mr Lloyd George, speaking at a temperance demonstration, declared that the Government would rather fall by 10 to 1 than turn back.

BRITAIN FLOATED.

NO COMPENSATION FOR SUNKEN STEAMERS.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)

London, March 27.

The Libau Prize Court has rejected the claims of the British with regard to the steamers St. Kilda and Princess Mary, which were sunk by a Russian Cruiser during the progress of the war between Russia and Japan.

The owners of the steamers claimed £50,000 and £50,000 sterling respectively.

The Russians claim that as the steamers carried contraband they were justified in sinking them. The owners of the steamers deny the right of the Russians to sink the steamers, as contraband was not aboard.

PEKING OFFICIALS IN TROUBLE.

A DECAPITATION CASE.

(Chinese Mail's Service.)

Peking, March 27.

The high official, whose residence was surrounded by soldiers as reported in a previous wire and whose name has been suppressed, is now before the Board of Punishment on a charge of disclosing state secrets.

Eight other high officials are involved.

The high official has been discovered to have communicated secrets to a member of a foreign legation.

He was before Ministers Natang and Liang Tun Yin for trial, and found guilty.

Yuan Shih Kai has decided to memorialise the Throne for an edict for the immediate decapitation of the official.

Yuan's decision has been stayed by Chang T'ieh Tung who did not care to take immediate action until two other officials who are now endeavouring to escape are arrested.

A PEKING SCARE.

FURTHER BIG FIRES.

(Chinese Mail's Service.)

Peking, March 27.

In nine successive days nine big fires have occurred here.

It is believed that the rebels are at work, and much consternation has been created.

(REUTERS'S SERVICE.)

RISE IN FREIGHTS.

London, March 26.

The Berlin "Boersen Courier" is advised from Hamburg that the Conference lines to the Far East will raise their freights to Shanghai by 2/6 per ton on the 1st July.

BELGIUM.

London, March 26.

The Brussels Parliamentary Colonial Commission has passed the Congo Annexation Bill.

RUSSIA.

London, March 26.

The Government has appointed a permanent Committee to consider measures to facilitate the teaching of Japanese in the schools to enable students to visit Japan.

CURE-YOUR COLD BEFORE IT ENDANGERS YOUR HEALTH.

THE quicker a cold is gotten rid of the better. Prepare a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and no time will be lost. "Whichever" the cold is slight or severe. For sale by all chemists and druggists.

HONGKONG HENLEY.

REGATTA AT WANHOAI.

The Hongkong Regatta was favoured with fine weather, the bright sunlight being tempered by a cool breeze. In the open it was rather warm but under the matted the temperature was very agreeable. Very little interest was evinced in the races, particularly the early events, which were contested in the presence of a very sparse attendance. Later in the afternoon the attendance increased until a fairly large number were present.

The venue was a very suitable one and the spectators were able to get a good view of the various events, particularly from the stand erected near the finishing-line.

The officials were:—

Patrons: H. E. The Governor, Sir Frederick Lugard, K.C.M.G., etc., H. E. Vice-Admiral Sir Hedworth Lamont, K.C.M.G., etc., H. E. Major General R. G. Broadwood, C.B.

Stewards: Sir Henry Berkeley, K.C., Hon. Sir C. P. Chater, C.M.G., Col. C. H. Darling, Hon. Mr. W. Rees Davies, Mr. A. Denison, Major G. M. Evans, Mr. H. E. R. Hunter, Col. H. E. Kent, Capt. F. W. Lyons, Hon. Mr. F. H. May, C.B., Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., Lt. Col. M. S. Rinch, Mr. H. Skott, Major E. W. R. Stephenson, Commodore R. Stokes, Hon. Capt. Basil Taylor, and Mr. A. Turner.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT: Hon. Mr. H. Kewick, Chairman; Messrs C. E. H. Beavis, C. Mel Messer, Judges, Messrs C. H. Grace, W. H. Potts, Umpires, Lieut. C. Beckwith, R. N. Messrs F. Launier, E. M. Hazeldan, and A. Rodger.

Major A. Chapman, Hon. Treasurer, Lieut. Col. H. Brooks, Hon. Secretary, For Yachting Events, Messrs A. Denison, and L. Guy.

For Naval Events, Lieut. H. J. Tweedie, R. N. Lieut. Com. G. C. Dickson, R. N. The results were:—

JUNIOR FIVE: Open to all not competing in Open Fours or the Hongkong Challenge Cup. (Y.C.Y.: J. Forbes, R. Macdonald, R. C. Widdell (cox) 1. V.R.O.: A. V. Barrow, J. S. Alvis, C. M. S. Alvis (cox) 2.

SENIOR FIVE: J. C. Crawford, H. Rapp, F. Crawford (cox) 3. E. K. T.: R. Fordon, W. Leighton, H. E. G. L. (cox) 4.

WON: The winners rowed a good course and finished about ten lengths to the good, rowing 35 strokes to the minute. The others pulled in.

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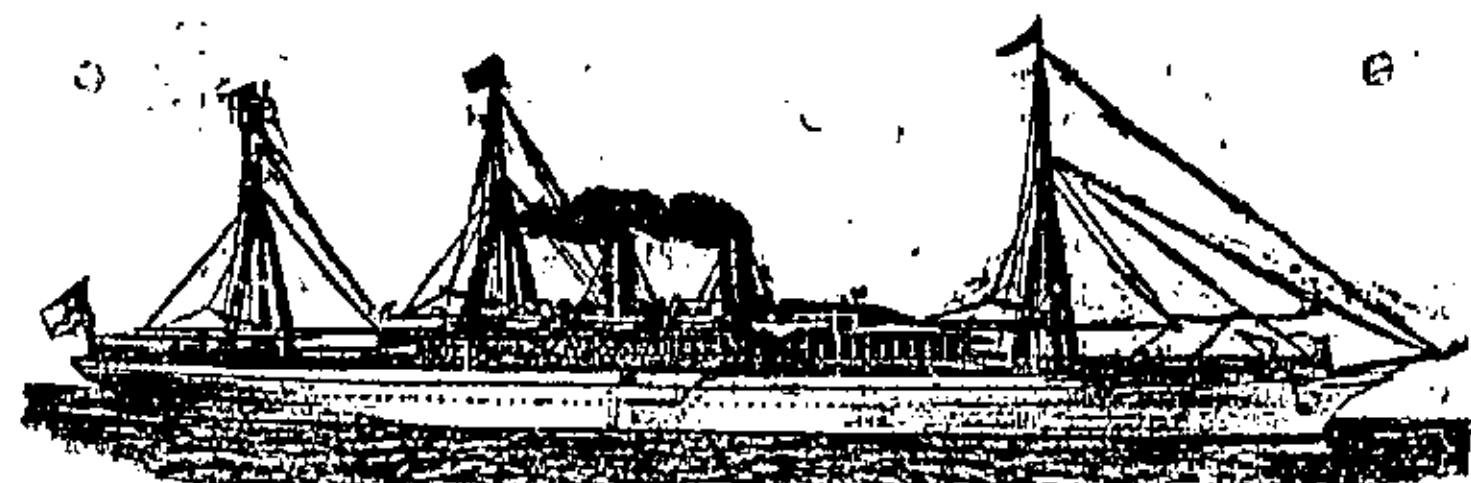
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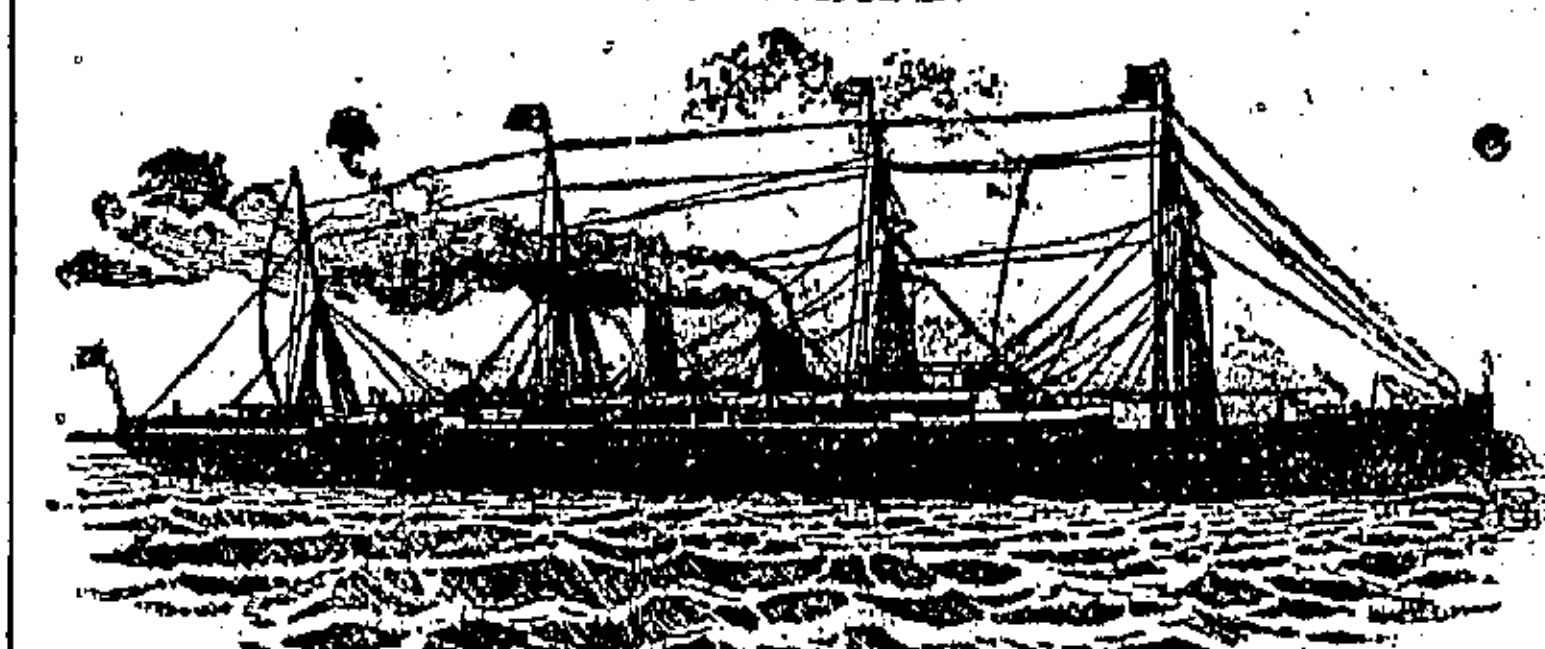
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* AMERICA MARU	11,000 Tons, SATURDAY, 11th April, at Noon.
* SIBERIA	18,000 Tons, SATURDAY, 18th April, at Noon.
* CHINA	10,000 Tons, SATURDAY, 25th April, at Noon.
* MANCHURIA	10,000 Tons, SATURDAY, 2nd May, at Noon.
* NIPPON MARU	11,000 Tons, SATURDAY, 9th May, at Noon.
* ASIA	10,000 Tons, SATURDAY, 16th May, at Noon.
* MONGOLIA	10,000 Tons, SATURDAY, 23rd May, at Noon.
* HONGKONG MARU	11,000 Tons, TUESDAY, 2nd June, at Noon.

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ORU & LOILO	SUNGIANG	March 30, at 4 p.m.
MANILA	TAMBO	March 31, at 4 p.m.
CHEFOU & WINGTIN	HUICHON	March 31, at 4 p.m.
HUICHON & HAIKONG	HUICHON	April 1, at 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI & CHINKIANG	YENNAN	April 1, at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	Yenchow	April 3, at 4 p.m.
MANILA, ZAMBANGA, PT. CANTON, THURSDAY ISLAND, CANTON, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE	CHANGSHIA	April 21, at 4 p.m.

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* SANDAKAN	MONDAY, Mar. 30, at 4 p.m.
* TIENSIN	MONDAY, Apr. 3, at Noon.
* SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, NAGASAKI	FRIDAY, Apr. 3, at Noon.
* KOBÉ & MOJI	FRIDAY, Apr. 3, at 4 p.m.
* MANILA	FRIDAY, Apr. 3, at 4 p.m.

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STEAMERS	TO SAIL, 1908.
NAPLES, GENOA, ALGIER, GIBRALTAR, SOUTHAMPTON, ANTWERP AND HAMBURG	WEDNESDAY, 8th April.
MANILA, NEWGUINEA, SAMARAI, BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE	THURSDAY, 23rd April, at 5 p.m.
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Hongkong, March 23, 1908.

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Hongkong, March 18, 1908.

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Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into the mail steamer proceeding to Marseilles and London; other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed from Bombay by the R.M.S. Macedonia, due in London on the 18th May, 1908.

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